

## SSMPA Responses – Darrell Park for 5<sup>th</sup> District LA County Supervisor

The six projects below affect open space and/or public health and safety in and near northwest Los Angeles County.

### 1. Rim of the Valley federal study

- Do you favor passage of the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act? **Yes, and I will happily work with the SMMNRA to create youth education programs in the newly expanded recreation area.**
- What action steps will you pursue to encourage or discourage passage of the act in the U.S. Congress when you become Supervisor? **I will first meet with the bill's sponsors Rep. Adam Schiff and Rep. Barbara Boxer to identify the problem areas associated with passing this bill. If there is resistance within my Supervisorial district I will arrange forums and town halls to address these issues and help eliminate concerns for residents.**

### 2. Aliso Canyon Gas leak

- What action steps would you take regarding this local disaster? **I have committed under oath to shutting down Aliso Canyon gas storage facility. If I am elected, I will shut down Aliso Canyon permanently. In the last few weeks, tests proved 77 of the 115 wells are still leaking. It has been a year and the gas company has proven that even while under a microscope, they are not taking the measures necessary to make their facility safe.**
- Should part of the answer be to rule out development next to this facility? **This facility is harmful to residents and the environment and we will be shutting it down. Once the facility is closed and the gas company has paid to properly clean and repair the damages, we will consider development that positively impacts the community.**
- When considering a new residential project or commercial area, what distance from the nearest gas well seems appropriate to ensure public safety and health? **There will no longer be gas wells at this site because it is completely unsafe for residents.**
- About three years ago, the facility applied to double its compressor capacity. Now that multiple maintenance deficiencies in the project are known, should that approval be reconsidered? **There is no circumstance in which I will step down from the plan to fully close the Aliso Canyon facility.**
- Would you support full shut down of the site due to the extensive residential housing that has been built near it? **Yes.**
- What would your approach be to this? **In order to shut down Aliso Canyon, we must receive approval from the state. Step 1. The state of CA rescinds all permits allowing the facility to remain open. Step 2. LA County sues Sempra Energy for all damages. Step 3. Transform the Porter Ranch community into the first fossil fuel free community in LA County.**

### 3. Hidden Creek Development

- What is your position on this project? **I am opposed to this project and do not support any development on this property.**

- Given the now-disclosed problems at the immediately adjacent Aliso Canyon, would you support or work to stop this development? **Though I plan to close Aliso Canyon, I still find issues with the proposed development and would fight to stop this project.**
- What action steps would you take? **It is clear that in addition to the health and safety issues related to the gas company property, there are also environmental concerns. There are many issues with this development and we will have a strong case for stopping development.**

4. Private Landfill: In Los Angeles County there is a major dirt and construction landfill operated by a private party with no legal permit. Up to 100 trucks a day went in full and came out empty for months. This is in north Browns Canyon, adjacent to the Michael D. Antonovich Regional Park at Joughin Ranch. Although trucks apparently no longer deliver construction debris and dirt, we have been advised extensive grading of this site continues, and we do not believe any permits have been issued. The property drains to Devil Canyon, a blue line stream.

- What action steps would you take to halt this operation? **We will immediately close this facility. Once closed, we will investigate. If this facility is operating against without legal permission, the county has the right to close and shut down operations.**
- What action steps would you take to remediate the land? **I do not know enough about this land at this time to say, but we will conduct a thorough investigation and take whatever steps necessary to remediate the land.**

5. Newhall Ranch development:

- Do you support proceeding with this development? **No.**
- What action steps would you take regarding approving, halting, or altering plans for development of Newhall Ranch? **We will fight to halt all plans for development and take all steps to ensure that the development never moves forward.**
- Would you support a designated expanse of significant breadth in the Valley of low nighttime light, less intense development/open space, and a designated wildlife habitat between the Oat Mountain area and the Los Padres forest to provide a long term, viable solution for genetic diversity of mountain lions and other animals? **Yes.**
- Would you actively work to achieve item c. above? **Yes, I will work hard to halt all development that negatively impacts the environment and the health and safety of our residents. If elected, I will work to create as much open space as possible.**

6. Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) Cleanup

- Would you as a County Supervisor take any position on appropriate cleanup levels (background, suburban residential, open space), or timing of the cleanup of this project? **Yes, I will adamantly fight to ensure that the cleanup be to background levels, meaning all harmful substances are reduced to undetectable natural background levels. The clean up must be done in accordance with the agreement made with the US Government.**
- What action steps would you take? **I would require that the clean up be conducted to background levels. Those who disagree with such a thorough clean up are worried about truck traffic and there are ways and onsite remediation to clean up the facility to the level of background while limiting truck traffic.**